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is examined in the light of its historical treatment "from the vague declamations of the earlier philosophers against sensuous knowledge to the Cartesian theories, the criticism of Kant, and the empiricism of Mill and Herbert Spencer," (Vol. I, p. 143). Similarly, the problem of Matter is discussed in the light of its historical development (Part III, Chap. II), beginning with the hylozoism of the first philosophers, and the atomism of Democritus, and coming on down through the systems of successive Greek thinkers to the doctrines of modern philosophers, from Gassendi to Feuerbach, Moleschott and Büchner. The work is marked by orderly arrangement, clearness of exposition and lucidity of style, to which last quality justice is done, moreover, by the excellent work of the translator. It is a valuable repertory of information on all the leading topics of philosophical thought.

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THEOLOGY

THE HOLY COMMUNION. By the Rev. Darwell Stone, M.A., Librarian of Pusey House, Oxford. Longmans.

This volume is one of that series of scholarly and useful manuals known as the Oxford Library of Practical Theology, notes upon several volumes of which have already appeared in the columns of *THE SEWANEE REVIEW*. Mr. Stone's treatment of the subject of Eucharistic doctrine and practice is mainly historical, beginning with the New Testament, and coming down through the Patristic, Mediæval and Reformation periods to the present day. The Holy Communion is considered under two distinct aspects:—(1) as the Sacrament of spiritual nourishment, (The Lord's Supper), and (2) as a Sacrifice. The standpoint from which the book is written, and the general treatment of the subject remind one of Bishop Gore's work, "The Body of Christ." While, as might have been expected, there is little that is new in these pages, yet we are under obligation to Mr. Stone for having brought together a large amount of valuable material, for having arranged it in connected and orderly fashion, and for having set it forth in clear and attractive style. We are thus presented,

in comparatively brief compass, with a comprehensive view of a subject which is of great interest and importance, especially in view of the noteworthy development of liturgical studies within recent years. On page 171 there is a statement whose accuracy we question. Mr. Stone says of the Declaration on Kneeling at the Communion (the so-called "Black Rubric" of the English Book of Common Prayer), "As the 'Declaration' had stood in 1552, a possible, but very unlikely interpretation might have made it consistent with belief in the presence of the body and blood of Christ in the consecrated bread and wine." The words of the "Declaration" as they stand in the Prayer Book of 1552 are as follows:—"lest . . . the said kneeling might be thought or taken otherwise, we do declare that it is not meant thereby that any adoration is done, or ought to be done, either unto the sacramental bread or wine there bodily received, or to any real and essential presence there being of Christ's natural flesh and blood. . . . And as concerning the natural body and blood of our Saviour Christ, they are in heaven and not here." We submit the question whether it is possible to reconcile the above language with belief in the "Real Presence;" a doctrine which it appears designed to set aside plainly and *in terminis*. We do not mean by this to assert that the same must be said of the "Black Rubric" as it now stands in the *present* Prayer Book of the Church of England. As for the American Book of Common Prayer, the Declaration is there omitted altogether.

REMINDERS OF OLD TRUTHS. By Hannah E. Pipe. Longmans.

This really admirable little book is addressed by the authoress "to the friends whom I affectionately remember as girls, sending to them these reminders of old truths by way of God-speed and farewell." The work is divided into two parts, Part I treating of certain directly religious topics as such, and Part II discussing truths connected with domestic and other relationships. Among the topics treated in Part I, are "The Decalogue," "Christian Perfection," "Sacrifice," "Prayer," "The Will of God," "The Fight of Faith." Part II includes chapters on "Family Life," "Domestic Service," "Hospitality," "Unhappy